

United States Senate

June 10, 2016

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

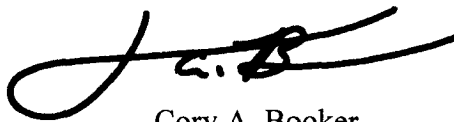
Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I am writing to express my support for the request by the City of Newark, New Jersey to extend the project period for the previously awarded \$1 million Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-funded Revolving Loan Fund. The funding was awarded to the City of Newark in 2009 and is set to expire on September 30, 2016. The purpose of the grant was to fund remedial activities on brownfield sites throughout the city.

The City of Newark has been working to execute a loan using this grant, and is working diligently to ensure that EPA funding is deployed to the most appropriate projects ensuring the most efficient remediation activities are supported. Given the number of contaminated sites throughout the city and the large number of partners committed to the remediation of public spaces, the City of Newark would greatly benefit from the continued and future funding through EPA's Revolving Loan Fund.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. Should the request for extension be granted, I am confident the City of Newark will put federal dollars to good use in protecting public health and the environment through the remediation of brownfields throughout the city. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff at (973) 639-8700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. A. Booker', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

Cory A. Booker
United States Senator

Cc: Judith Enck, Regional Administrator, EPA Region 2